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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 12, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**In The Claims**

Please cancel claims 7, 19, 25, and 26 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 13, and 18 as set forth below.

1. (Amended) A device for controlling a generator including a diode bridge, comprising:

a transistor for at least temporarily short-circuiting the diode bridge, the transistor including an interrupter connected parallel to the diode bridge; and

a capacitor smoothing a current detected at a voltage detection point, wherein the transistor has a base which receives a control signal.

6. (Amended) The device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a diode element coupled between the diode bridge and [a] the voltage detection point, the diode element allowing a flow of [a] the current only from the generator